

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE – Governor's Council on Small Business

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Council on Small Business and to the general public that the Council on Small Business will hold a meeting open to the public:

**October 2, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m.
1st Floor Conference Room
Executive Tower | Arizona State Capitol
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

Minutes

Meeting Objective: To approve minutes of the February 6th meeting. To acknowledge reading of letter from Governor Brewer to Council dated October 2, 2009. To receive an agency update from the *Arizona Department of Commerce*. To receive presentations given on the state of the economy / recovery from the following organizations; *Elliott D. Pollack & Company*, *Governor's Office of Economic Recovery*, *U.S. Small Business Administration* and *Wells Fargo Bank*. To discuss any additional business, schedule of future meetings and a call for public comment.

1) Call to Order | Welcome/ Roll Call ~ Chair Judith Wood

Members Present:

Judith Wood (*Chair*), Michael Coles(*Vice-Chair*), Michael Fox, Michael Ong Hing, Thomas Kiley, Stephen Macias, Julian Claudio Nabozny, Ray Pugel Choo Tay

Members Present via Teleconference Call:

Michael Luria

Members Absent:

Don Cardon (*Governor's Designee*) Pam Del Duca, Rosiland Moore, Lea Marquez-Peterson, Regis C. Sommers, David Robert Williamson

Staff:

Kathy Rodriguez (*Executive Director*), Krista Olson-Blundell

2) Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2009 GCSB Meeting ~No quorum to approve at this time- call for again at close of meeting

3) Reading of Letter from Governor Janice K. Brewer ~ Vice-Chair Michael Coles

- a. Governor unable to stop by meeting today so provided letter of her appreciation for their service on this council and her ongoing support for small business owners in the State.

4) **Arizona Department of Commerce Update** ~ Jerry Ewing, Deputy Director

- a. Commerce focused on *Economic Development* | *Attraction* | *Retention* | *Growth*
- b. Commerce has lots in common with and is sharing some of the same experiences as small businesses out there right now:
 - ✓ Economy is still not “good”
 - ✓ Agency reorganization in June – agency went from 7 divisions to 5 — downsizing
 - ✓ Another 15% across the board cuts to be submitted as of 10/9/09 — more cuts
 - ✓ Expenses up -- revenues down — still trying to make ends meet
- c. Kathy Rodriguez is a great resource to Commerce and the Council; Commerce is here to assist
- d. Provided background on new Commerce Director, Don Cardon, appointed by Governor in June ‘09
 - 1. Very strong business, finance & economic development background
 - 2. Director Cardon is the policy advisor to the Governor on economic development in the state

5) **Jim Rounds, Senior Vice-President, Elliott D. Pollack & Company** ~ Presentation

- a. “*The Not So Attractive Recovery*” (*But it has great personality!*)
- b. Topic where “we” as a nation and a State fall in the current recovery
- c. Vast amount of stimulus monies has been appropriated but not spent- not in the economy yet
- d. Presentation available at http://www.arizonaeconomy.com/files/GCSB_100209web.pdf

6) **Robert Blaney, Arizona District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration** ~ Presentation

- a. Handout provided “Local SBA Lenders” and available at http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/az_phoenix/az_0230lendermasterrecord.pdf
- b. Still very little lending being done out there, forecast is to remain tight for a while longer

7) **James Apperson, Director, Governor’s Office of Economic Recovery**~ Presentation

- a. Visit www.recovery.gov for complete information and tracking of ARRA funds
- b. Visit www.azrecovery.gov for state information

8) **Rick Robinson, Senior Vice President | Regional Investment Manager, Wells Fargo Bank** ~ Presentation

- a. Rick very consistent with Jim Round’s presentation
- b. Full recovery still a ways off but starting to see some good indicators
- c. Commercial real estate is the next big concern

9) Meeting Schedule | Additional Business

- a. Schedule of future meetings:
 - January 8th, 2010 from 1:00p.m. -3:00p.m. - Executive Tower | Arizona State Capitol
 - April 2nd, 2010 from 1:00p.m. -3:00p.m. - Executive Tower | Arizona State Capitol
 - July 2nd, 2010 from 1:00p.m. -3:00p.m. - Executive Tower | Arizona State Capitol
 - October 1st 2010 from 1:00p.m. -3:00p.m. - Executive Tower | Arizona State Capitol
- b. There are (4) vacancies on the board - a directive was given to notify Kathy Rodriguez with suggestions for filling the openings
- c. No quorum to approve minutes – to be approved at January 8th, 2010 meeting.

10) Call to the Public ~ No comments

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.

11) Adjournment

Chair, Judith Wood asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chair, Michael Coles seconded that motion. Motion adopted at 3:52 p.m.

Dated this October 14, 2009
Governor's Council on Small Business
www.governor.state.az.us/sb

Chair
Judy Wood—Owner, Contact One Call Center
Vice-Chair
Michael Coles—Owner, Coles Culinary Equipment

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